

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505DRAFTMEMORANDUM FOR MR. PHILIP FARLEY, CHAIRMAN
NSC POLITICAL-MILITARY GROUP

SUBJECT: World-wide Base Study

The NSC Review Group at its meeting on March 27, 1969 assigned responsibility for staffing the World-wide Base Study to the NSC Political-Military Group.

The Review Group directed that the Political-Military Group coordinate with other NSC Interdepartmental Groups to assure that attention is given to the specific base problems raised in the study. It also directed that the Political-Military Group review the overall base question in coordination with the military posture review directed by NSSM 3. Finally, it directed that the Political-Military Group submit to the NSC Review Group an overall report on major base issues including a discussion of alternative policies by August 15, 1969.

It is recognized that the review of the intelligence aspects cited in the Base Study represents something of a special case, insofar as they deal with developing preferred means of collection. Accordingly, the intelligence subgroup of the Political-Military Group should continue with its analysis of the Base Study conclusions with a view to specifying how the major areas for potential changes in intelligence collection cited by that Study might affect future base requirements. In particular the future use of advanced systems should be further examined as should mobile platforms, reliance on foreign nations and possible base consolidations. The subgroup should submit its report as soon as feasible, recognizing that its report may require some modification in view of the results of the military posture review.